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Syllabus

Course: YM660 W1 (JA 2009)

Title: Teaching Bible/Youth & Adults

Hours: 3.00

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Prerequisites:

None

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During 01/12/2009 to 01/16/2009 on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 9:00a to 4:00p in SH123.

Maximum Registration: 10

Catalog Description: This course explores the "who, what, where, how, and why?" of teaching the whole Bible to youth and adults (12-112 years of age). Wesleyan theology; the biblical understanding of hospitality; pertinent social science theories of education (learning preferences, gender, age, generational, cultural differences); discipleship resources; and the personal practice of lectio divina all helps us effectively and faithfully communicate God's grand narrative revealed in both Old and New Testaments.

Objectives:

CD/YM660 – Teaching the Whole Bible to Youth and Adults

CD/YM660DL – Teaching the Whole Bible to Youth and Adults

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Provisional Syllabus

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By giving himself completely at the Cross, actually dying for you, Christ brought you over to God's side and put your lives together, whole and holy in his presence. You don't walk away from a gift like that! You stay grounded and steady in that bond of trust, constantly tuned in to the Message, careful not to be distracted or diverted. There is no other Message – just this one. Every creature under heaven gets this same Message.

(Colossians 1:22-23, TM)

Course Description (highlights on your journey)

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Course Objectives (targets I aim for you to hit)

- Having successfully completed this course, you should be able to:
- Communicate a vision for the aim/purpose of teaching the whole Bible to youth and adults (the “why?” of biblical teaching).
- Practice the discipline of *Lectio Divina* regularly, to understand more fully what the Bible says about itself, about teachers, students, and about the Holy Spirit as our ultimate teacher.
- Identify criteria for effective curriculum selection for a broad spectrum of ministries, including small groups and mission team training.
- Apply the analogy of hospitality to teaching and training, focusing on the students' culture and the teacher's roles (including Jesus' example, Wesleyan theology, learning style, small group dynamics, cultural implications, and generational theories).
- Develop a 4-week, small group intergenerational Bible study for adults.
- Train laypeople in the local church to lead youth and adult small groups.
- Grow closer to God through Christian community, Bible study, prayer, and creativity.

Required Texts (reading that forms and informs)

Bartholomew, Craig & Goheen, Michael. (2004). **The Drama of Scripture: Finding Our Place in the Biblical Story**. Baker Academic: Grand Rapids, Michigan. ISBN: 0-8010-2746-2

Donahue, Bill. (2002). **Leading Life-Changing Small Groups**. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan. ISBN: 0-310-24750-0

Gorman, Julie. **Community That Is Christian: A Handbook On Small Groups**. (2002). Grand Rapids: Baker Books. ISBN: 0-8010-9145-4

Jones, Tony. (2006). **Divine Intervention: Encountering God through the Ancient Practice of Lectio Divina**. Colorado Springs: TH1NK (NAVPRESS). ISBN: 1-60006-059-5

Lingenfelter, J & S. (2003). **Teaching Cross-Culturally: An Incarnational Model for Learning and Teaching**. Grand Rapids: Baker Books. ISBN: 10-0-8010-2620-2

McIntosh, Gary L. (2004). **One Church, Four Generations: Understanding and Reaching All Ages in Your Church**. Grand Rapids, Michigan: Baker Brothers. ISBN: 0-8010-9137-3

Stonehouse, Catherine. *Gender Differences*. Article sold in the ATS bookstore

Yount, William R. (1999). **Called to Teach: An Introduction to the Ministry of Teaching**. Nashville: Broadman and Holman Publishers. ISBN: 0-8054-1199-2

LSI Learning Style Inventory – ATS bookstore (only if you haven't taken this instrument before)

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- Willimon, William. *Shaped by the Bible*. Nashville: Abingdon, 1990.
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- Bethel Bible Study. Madison, WI: Adult Christian Education Foundation (Harley Swiggum, creator) 608-241-9220

Teaching as Hospitality

- Beaudoin, Tom. *Virtual Faith, The Irreverent Spiritual Quest of Generation X*. San Francisco: Jossey-Bass, 1998.
- Bennett, Christine. *Comprehensive Multicultural Education, Theory and Practice*. Boston: Allyn & Bacon, 2003.
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- Kolb, David. *Experiential learning: Experience as the source of learning and development*. Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Prentice Hall, 1984.
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- Nouwen, Henri. *Reaching Out: The Three Movements of the Spiritual Life*. New York: Doubleday,
- Palmer, Parker. *The Courage To Teach*. San Francisco: Jossey-Bass, 1998.
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- Pohl, Christine. *Making Room: Recovering Hospitality as a Christian Tradition*. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 1999.
- Schultz, Thom & Joani. *Why Nobody Learns Much of Anything at Church and How to Fix It*. Loveland, CO: Group, 1993.
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- Wimberly, Anne. *Soul Stories, African American Christian Education*. Nashville: Abingdon, 1994.
- Yount, William. *Called to Teach*. Nashville: Broadman & Holman, 1999.
- When I get a little money, I buy books; if any is left, I buy food and clothes.*

--Erasmus

Course Assignments (experiences to help things sink in)

You must complete all of CD/YM660's assignments to receive a grade:

Active Participation/Attendance. Your attendance is critical. We'll depend on each other for interactive exercises, community support and prayer, team-based learning, and Bible study.

Book Looks. 1-page, double-spaced responses to 5 designated textbooks. First paragraph highlights 3-4 main points and the second paragraph describes how you could apply those highlights to teaching the Bible to youth and adults (5 textbooks x 4 points each = 20 points).

Journal for Reflection. Using Jones' *Divine*

Intervention, and specific scripture passages I'll provide weekly, write at least 2 entries each week on your practice of *lectio divina*. You may focus on what God is revealing to you about the spiritual discipline itself, biblical principles, application to ministry, or reflect on what God is teaching you about yourself (10 entries = 10 points).

Midterm. 4-5 page paper that presents your vision for teaching the Bible; using scripture ultimately; Jones, Yount, Willimon, B & G, and articles discussed in class secondarily. You'll receive more specific instructions at a later date. (15 points)

Curriculum/Resource Project. 4-5 page report, comparing 2 different sets of curricula, written for a specific age group and purpose (for example, Bible study for retirees; confirmation for 6th-7th graders, etc.). You'll use pre-approved criteria to help you in choosing the most effective resource of the three, and in explaining the reasons for your selection. (15 points)

Adult Bible Study/Small Group Integration

Create a 4-week adult Bible study for an intergenerational experience (20s-80s; or youth, parents, and grandparents together), using the principles of hospitality and various education/discipleship theories discussed in class. Specific instructions for writing out your lesson plans and rationale will come later. Each of us will also describe our studies in class for critique and discussion, as well as develop an outline for teacher training. (30 points)